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SUBJ: FIRST MEETING OF USG/GOJ JOINT PLANNING AND COORDINATION
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

REF: STATE 010685, TOKYO 0577

1. WHILE GOJ APPRECIATES US CONCEPT OF FUTURE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 OF STATE 010685, IT STILL CONSIDERS IT DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT ALL OF NINE PROJECT COORDINATORS FOR ANNUAL MEETING, MAINLY FOR BUDGETARY REASONS. THEY SEE THE NEED FOR CENTRAL COORDINATING BODY, AS SET UP UNDER UJNR PROGRAM, TO COORDINATE PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS. THIS POINT WILL BE RAISED BY KIDO IN WASHINGTON MEETING.

2. ALTHOUGH LINE-UP OF JAPANESE DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON MEETING HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED, IT IS LIKELY TO BE COMPOSED OF MR. KIDO AND FOUR OTHER ENVIRONMENT AGENCY OFFICIALS WHO CAN TECHNICALLY REPRESENT FIELDS OF AIR POLLUTION, WATER POLLUTION, TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND HEALTH EFFECTS OF POLLUTION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, PLUS TWO OR THREE OFFICIALS FROM AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND

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TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PARTICIPATION OF

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INTENDED FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING
METHODS FOR OPERATING PLANNING AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE,
INCLUDING NOMINATION OF CENTRAL COORDINATING BODY.

3. GOJ WOULD LIKE PLANNING AND COORDINATION COMMITTEE TO MEET
ON FEBRUARY 26 AND 27 RATHER THAN FEBRUARY 25 AND 26 BECAUSE
ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
GROUP TO HAVE MEETING ON WEEK OF MARCH 1.

4. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM EA THAT ONODERA WILL NOT BE ABLE
TO VISIT US THIS TIME, BUT TOSHIKI OSHIO, ONODERA'S COLLEAGUE
AND EXPERT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT, WILL PROBABLY
MEET WITH BALDWIN.

5. COMPOSITION OF JAPANESE DELEGATION AND PORPOSED AGENDA OF
WASHINGTON MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED IN NEAR FUTURE.
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